

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into the adequacy of the Southern California Gas Company's and San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) gas transmission systems to serve the present and future gas requirements of the SDG&E's core and noncore customers

Investigation 00-11-002

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Summary

This ruling grants Southwest Gas Corporation's (Southwest Gas) Motion to Intervene in Investigation (I.) 00-11-002 and grants Southwest Gas party status.

BACKGROUND

On October 12, 2001, Southwest Gas, pursuant to Rule 45 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filed a Motion to Intervene in OII. 00-11-002. The investigation was initiated on November 2, 2000, to investigate the adequacy of the gas transmission systems of Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to serve the present and future gas requirements of SDG&E's core and noncore customers.

Southwest Gas specified that its interest in this investigation is as a large purchaser of natural gas and a wholesale transportation customer of SoCalGas. Southwest Gas has a direct and substantial interest in, and opines that it will be directly impacted by, the Commission's decision in the proceeding. Southwest

Gas seeks party status to participate in the remaining aspects of this proceeding as it believes no other party can adequately represent its interests. Southwest Gas also indicated that its participation would not broaden the scope of the proceeding, prejudice any other party, or delay the completion of the proceeding.

Receiving no protest or objections, Southwest Gas Corporation's motion to intervene and request for party status is granted. Evidentiary hearings have been completed and post-hearing briefs have been filed. Southwest Gas may participate in the proceeding from the date of this order forward, but the proceeding will not be reopened. Southwest Gas requests that all communications, pleadings, and orders be served as follows:

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IT IS RULED that Southwest Gas Corporation's Motion to Intervene and Request for Party Status is granted.

Dated October 25, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CAROL BROWN
Carol Brown
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Motion to Intervene on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 25, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

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N O T I C E

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